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La Peña Cultural Center

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La Tienda Box Office

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Café Valparaíso at La Peña

Now Open on Sundays from 1pm-9:30pm
Wed. – Sat. 5:30 pm
NEW phone/fax: 510-841-3800

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* indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that tarjetas (La Peña discount cards) are not valid. Programs subject to change. La Peña is wheelchair accessible. La Peña is a member of the Latino Arts Network of California.

Two Month Calendar
See back for April

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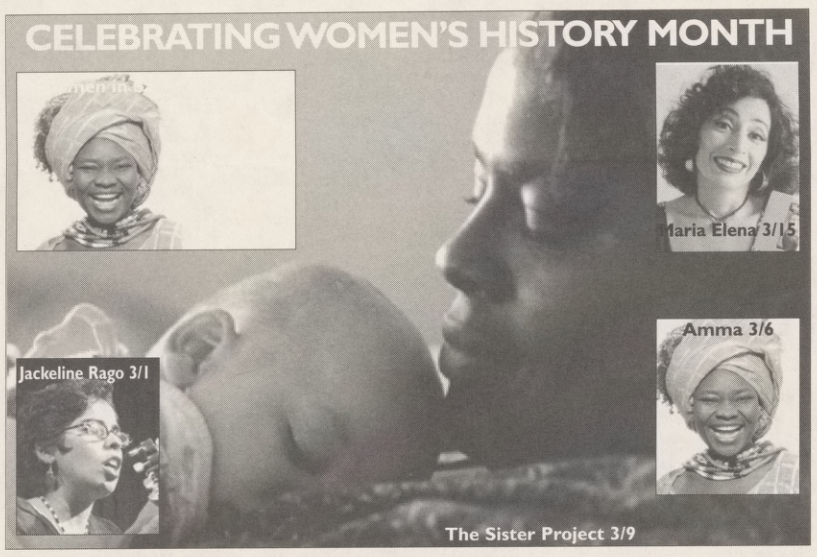
Cultural Center & Café Calendar • March & April (ON THE BACK) 2003



NO WAR IN IRAQ !

SATURDAY

1 Cascada de Flores 10:30am

Venezuela y su Música

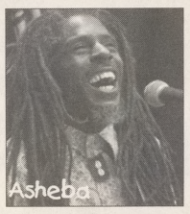
Venezuelan Music Project
with its director
Jackeline Rago's

Gaitas, parrandas,tamboreras, aguinaldos, tambores and much more. Special Venezuelan dinner at Café Valparaiso (opens at 5:30).

8:30pm $12 adv. $14 dr.

Los Amiguitos de La Peña
Children's Programs
Saturday mornings at 10:30am
$4 adults, $3 kids

Sat. 1: Cascada de Flores performs music from the different regions of Mexico. Sat. 8: Caribbean & folk music with Asheba. Sat. 15: Gerry Tenney peforms original songs. Sat. 22: Ingrid Noyes peforms traditional and contemporary folk music on banjo, guitar, and accordion. Sat. 29: Left on Colusa perform folk rock for young children. Special guest, Alisa Peres. A benefit for the EB Family Buddhist Center.



Children's programming made possible in part by a grant from Target

Orquesta La Moderna Tradición 3/14

En Las Paredes
March - April art exhibit in the Café and Café Lobby
Oil Paintings by Berkeley artist **Brien Thiele**
Reception: March 7th 5:30pm

SUNDAY

2 CAFE RUMBA
3:30pm in the Café Lobby

Private evening event in the Theater

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CAFE VALPARAISO
OPEN FROM 5:30PM

9 BENEFIT PERFORMANCE

My Sister, My Sister
A community event in recognition of International Women's Month. The Sister Project presents a powerful and dramatic performance of My Sister, My Sister, and will honor Berkeley's outstanding service agencies who support our women and children. For more info call 510-528-8198.

7pm $10 *
Partially funded by the City of Berkeley Arts Commission

16 CAFE RUMBA
3:30pm in the Café Lobby

Children's Songs for Peace & a Better World featuring **Brett Dennen**

Original songs about diversity, peace, empathy, conflict resolution. A benefit CD release party for **The Mosaic Project,** a non-profit outdoor school uniting diverse children for a better world. Also video, auction, and raffle. www.mosaicproject.org

5:30pm $5-$15* suggested don.
No one turned away for lack of funds

23 PROGRAM TBA

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CAFE VALPARAISO
OPEN FROM 5:30PM

30 CAFE RUMBA
3:30pm in the Café Lobby

Sandy Cressman & Homenagem Brasileira

Homenagem Brasileira plays classics and hidden treasures from the great Brazilian composers. Featured are Sandy Cressman, vocals, Harvey Wainapel, sax, Marcos Silva, keyboards, David Belove, bass, & Celso Aberti, drums.

8pm $12

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WEDNESDAY

5 Café Poetry & Open Mic

POESÍA EN ESPAÑOL

Featuring Congreso's (see Fri. 7) singer and poet **Pancho Sazo.**
7:30pm In the Café Lobby

In the Theater
Touring Chicano Poets
Tammy Gomez (Texas)
Edwin Torres (New York)

7:30pm $5

12 CAFE VALPARISO OPEN

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Join La Peña, Becomea Member!

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19 CONCERT

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CAFE VALPARAISO
OPEN FROM 5:30PM

26 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

THURSDAY

6 DISCUSSION

Ending Female Circumcision
A talk and discussion with Amma

Liberian solo performer & activist, Amma will discuss the challenges faced by African women in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea. The discussion will focus on education, challenges, solutions, and cultural understanding. Question and answer period to follow.

7:30pm $5

13 CONCERT

An evening of music and ceremony
Tito la Rosa in Concert

With his beautiful music & native instruments of Peru's coastal, mountain & rainforest cultures, Tito la Rosa will sooth our weary souls and enliven our spirits. He plays bone, wood, bamboo, fossil, feathers and clay instruments, some of them more than 2,000 years old. Tito's CD *The Prophecy of the Eagle &the Condor* was nominated for a Native American music award for best world music recording.

7:30pm $15*

20 DANCE

Son Cubano at its best with

Palenque

Son lo más sublime de la música cubana. Featuring German Donatien guitar, lead vocal, Chus Alonzo, flute, Norman Downing, percussion, Steve Parker, bass, and Marcus Pruvel, tres.

7:30pm $10

27 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

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FRIDAY

7 LOS FUEGOS DEL HIELO

DIRECT FROM CHILE CONGRESO IN CONCERT

Los Fuegos del Hielo / Iceberg's Fire
Chilean group Congreso will present its acclaimed musical that narrates the life of the Indian nations of *Tierra del Fuego*, southern of Chile & Argentina. They will perform and speak about the *Yamanas, , Aonikenk, Kaweshkar, & Selkan* people, who used to inhabit this harsh territory, and how aspects of their culture and myths are still alive.

8pm $12 adv. $14dr.

14 CHARANGA DANCE

Orquesta La Moderna Tradición
Possibly the only orchestra of its kind inside or outside of Cuba, the *Orquesta* performs classic Cuban dance music, especially the lilting grooves of the *Danzón*, a legendary ballroom style originated from the syncretization of African & European music. Led by Cuban percussionist & dancer Roberto Borrell and violinist Tregar Otton, the group performs classics along with originals designed to keep the tradition alive.

8:30pm $12 General

21 Youth Speaks

Friday & Saturday

Youth Speaks' **7th annual Youth Speaks Teen Poetry Slam**

The two nights of semi-finals present some of the top teen poets in the Bay Area as they vie for a spot in the Grand Slam Final on March 29th at Herbst Theater in San Francisco. Youth Speaks presented the first teen slam in the country in the mid-90's and the annual Youth Speaks event is still the largest in the country. Open to all teen poets in the Bay, the annual slam is an opportunity to listen to the next generation as they speak for themselves.
For event and registration information: www.youthspeaks.org or 415-255-9035. Tickets for the semi-finals at La Peña
7pm $4 for youth under 20, and $8 for everyone else.

28 DANCING

Women in Salsa Celebration

Join us for a celebration of music and dancing, featuring original radio cafe latin music by the Bay Areas' most talented women composers, singers, and teatro instrumentalists. Featured bands are, **Cha Cha Boom** and **Orquesta D'Soul.**

$10adv. $12dr.
$8 student w/ID

8 Asheba 10:30am

Concert
Born in 1969 in Quilpué, Chile, Congreso's music style is a search for new languages within Latin American popular music. Its music unites traditional with contemporary styles. With fifteen albums, several of which have won gold, the group has gained international recognition throughout the world. In this special concert they will present new and old favorites tunes.

8pm $14adv. $16dr.

15 Gerry Tenney 10:30pm

Celebrating Women's History Month
Maria Elena Fernandez's Confessions of a Cha Cha Feminist. La Peña premiers sharp & hilarious LA comedian Maria Elena Fernandez in her acclaimed one-woman show that chronicles her poignant rebellion against her traditional Mexican upbringing, armed with feminist fervor and the hyper-femine aesthetic of the cha cha's she grew up with.

8pm $12

22 Ingrid Noyes 10:30am

29 Left on Colusa 10:30AM

El Sol Que Tu Eres
A play by Anthony J. Garcia. Music by Daniel Valdez. A modern version of the Greek Orpheus & Eurydice myth. We see Rudi & Orfeo, in a small Mexican village on *Dia De Los Muertos*. It incorporates Aztec & Mayan myths to tell the story of the two lovers caught in a bad situation with the evil drug lord Narcisso. This staged reading addresses larger issues such as the emerging fusion of cultures in the Southwest.

8pm $7($5 Student w/ID)

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La Pena's Community Hall of Fame

With La Peña entering its 28th year, we are excited to announce that in just a few months we will be inaugurating the La Peña Community Hall of Fame. We will launch an annual tradition of honoring activists, artists, and community members who embody the spirit of La Peña. The initial set of inductees wil be honored at special events around the Bay Area.

We want your input!

We invite members of the community to contribute to the creation of this Community Hall of Fame by sending nominations to our Hall of Fame Committee. Please visit the "Community Hall of Fame Page" on our website, www.lapena.org, to submit your nomination. Or to request a nomination form, email eric@lapena.org or call 510/849-2468 x12.

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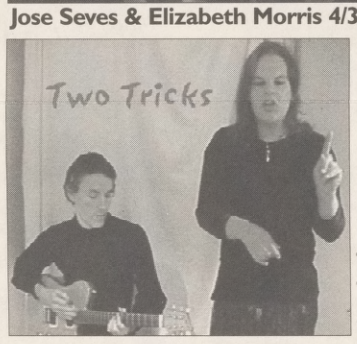

Two Tricks 4/13

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 BOOK RELEASE EVENT*	**3** CONCERT	**4** LA PEÑA JAZZ SERIES	**5** Jane Timberlake 10:30am
Book Release Party! Whereabouts Press will celebrate the release of its collection of Chilean fiction, *Chile: A Traveler's Literary Companion*, edited by Katherine Silver. Appetizers, readings, and Chilean live music. Free to the public. **7pm at the Café Lobby** For info: www.whereaboutspres.com *No open mic this night	**Chile's Canto Nuevo*** An evening of original songs w/ singer & songwriter **Jose Seves** and multi-instrumentalist **Elizabeth Morris** in their first North American tour. Former singer of the legendary ensemble *Inti-Illimani*, Seves' voice & songs are widely known & admired within the *Latin American New Song* movement. His songs have been recorded by renowned artists around the world. **8pm $12** *Concert pending on travel arrangements check www.lapena.org for up-dated information	**Tribute to West Coast Latin Jazz** SF Latin Jazz has its distinct identity. La Peña kicks of the Bay Area Latin Jazz Legacy Series w/ grammy nominated **John Santos & Machete Ensemble**. Also, special guest **Johnny Coppola**, veteran of the early days of SF Jazz and played w/ big band leader, Stan Kenton. **Chuy Varela** and the artists begin the evening with a panel discussion. **Panel: 7pm Show: 8:30pm** **$12adv.** or before **7pm • $15door**	HECHO EN CALIFAS SERIES **NOCHE DE SKA-TEMOC** con **LA PLEBE (SF)** **LOS KUNG FU MONKEES (TJ)** **FLOJOS NOS VISTEN (SJ)** 9pm **$7** **lo mejor de SKA-pañol!**
SUNDAY			
6 CAFE RUMBA 3:30pm in the Café Lobby **Victor Jara** Members of the renowned Chilean ensemble Inti Illimani will present the new video production ***Victor Jara***, about the life of this beloved singer and song writer killed by the military junta in 1973. There will be a Q & A period after the show. A benefit program for Chile's Victor Jara Foundation. **7pm $10***	**9** CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY KIRA ALLEN 7:30 **LA LUCHA CONTINUA** **Chiapas Update** A report by the Chiapas Support Group on the latest political developments in Mexico. Slides, video and speakers. **7:30pm $5- $10 sliding scale**	**10** CONCERT La Gran Noche del Charango **Horacio Duran & Italo Pedrotti** Two Chilean Charango (ten-stringed Andean instrument) masters in a rare appearance. Horacio Duran, founding member of *Inti Illimani* is considered among the best charango players in Latin America. From a new generation of charanguistas, Italo Pedrotti is known for his virtuoso playing which embraces popular and classic styles. **8pm $10**	**11** CONCERT Back by popular demand **Grupo Raiz** **in Concert** After their sold-out CD release concert last year, this acclaimed Latin America music sextet founded at La Peña returns for an evening of songs for peace and justice in the world. It is strongly recommended to get tickets in advance! **8pm $12adv. $14dr.**	**12** Lydia Mills 10:30am **AFRO-PERUVIAN DANCE AND MUSIC** **Rompe y Raja** Rompe y Raja perform the music and dance of coastal Peru. Their music and dance highlights the rich cultural heritage of Afro-Peruvians. Featured is singer, **Rosa Los Santos** and the **Rompe y Raja Youth Dance Ensemble.** **8:30pm $15**
13 BENEFIT CONCERT **Two Tricks CD Release Party** **A Benefit for Exhale** Join Two Tricks as they celebrate the release of their long-awaited first CD! Dance and think while you funk it down. A benefit for Exhale, a non-judgmental free abortion talkline. **8pm $10-$50 sliding scale***	**16** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN **Volunteer Opportunities** **Learn while helping non-profit Culture Center** Volunteers are an important part of La Peña. Their donated labor keeps our center affordable to many people. Not only do they staff many of our programs, they also support La Peña by donating their time and energy. Volunteers play a vital role in keeping our costs down and are also a source of inspiration and ideas. Volunteers benefit by seeing many types of cultural, political, and artistic productions. Become involved! For volunteer opportunities call 849-2568 and leave a message on extenstion 13.	**17** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN	**18** LA PEÑA JAZZ SERIES **Mingus Amungus & Pete Escovedo** **Looking Forward** **Mingus Amungus** is the past, present, and future of Jazz with a distinct Afro-Latin presence. Special guest Maestro **Pete Escovedo** is a Bay Area icon who has directed world class ensembles with a similar futuristic outlook since the 1960s. **Panel discussion at 7:30pm** **Show at 8:30pm** **$12adv.** or before **7:30 • $15door**	**19** Los Mapaches 10:30am **COLLECTIVE SOUL** **THE BASICS** **DEUCE ECLIPSE** **THE ATTIK** w/ special guests ISIS **8:30 $10** **the best in hip hop**
20 CAFE RUMBA 3:30pm in the Café Lobby CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEB SITE FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING **WWW.LAPENA.ORG** **CAFE VALPARAISO** OPEN FROM 5:30PM	**23** CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY PARADISE 7:30 CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEB SITE FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING **WWW.LAPENA.ORG** **CAFE VALPARAISO** OPEN FROM 5:30PM	**24** BENEFIT CONCERT **Sing Out** Judith-Kate Friedman in an evening of music & poetry with Evelie Posch, Avotcja, Raymond Nat Turner of Upsurge!, Edie Hartshorne, Doug von Koss and more. A benefit for Songwriting Works' elders & youth songwriting projects. Special reserved seating through songwritingworks.org. **7:30pm $18-$36 sliding scale***	**25** BENEFIT CONCERT **Friends of Deir Ibzia present** **Georges Lammam Ensemble** The Georges Lammam Ensemble performs music from Egypt, Iraq, & Saudi Arabia. Born in Lebanon of Palestinian and Greek parents, Georges Lammam is well known as a solo violinist. His repertoire spans a range of Arabic music, from classic to contemporary popular songs. Benefit for Friends of Deir Ibzia Summer Camp in Palestine. **8pm $15***	**26** Bonnie Lockhart 10:30am **BAILE/DANCE** **Fogo Na Roupa** **Carnaval** **Carnaval with dance and Brazilian floor show featuring Carlos Aceituno's Fogo Na Roupa** **8pm $12**
27 BAILE **Voices Lesbian Choral Ensemble** Voices strives to reflect the diversity of the lesbian community through a repertoire of songs from a variety of cultures and traditions, including jazz, folk, classical, and original works by members. The group will be showcasing selections from their recent CD, *Everything Possible*. **4pm $8 adv. $10 dr.**	**30** CONCERT **Jackeline Rago and Students Recital** La Peña's artist in residence Jackeline Rago and her classes present a very special evening of Venezuelan music and percussion. **7:30pm $8** Benefit for La Peña			

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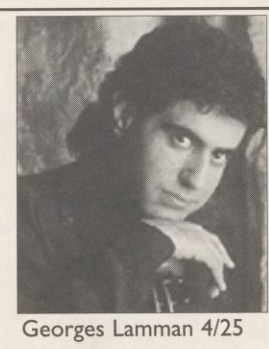


Georges Lamman 4/25

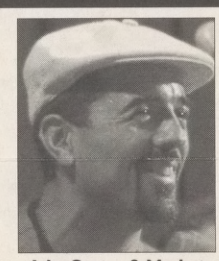
Rosa Los Santos 4/12

Victor Jara Video 4/6

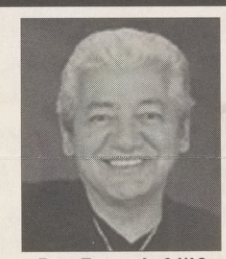
Los Amiguitos de La Peña Children's Programs Saturday mornings at 10:30am $4 adults, $3 kids

Sat. 5: **Jane Timberlake** performs originals songs to benefit a Fair Wage an organization working to raise child care workers wages. Sat. 12: CD & book release of "Cantemos Juntos". Join **Lydia Mills & Arianna Guthries** as they present a hands on performance of their collection of traditional and original Latin American songs and games. Sat. 19: **Los Mapaches**. The Latin American children's ensemble directed by Lydia Mills Sat. 26: Join **Bonnie Lockhart** for a spring morning of sing-along, play-along, move-along songs and music games.

La Peña Latin Jazz Series



John Santos & Machete Ensemble 04/04



Pete Escovedo 04/18

Mingus Amungus 04/18

Bay Area Latin Jazz Legacy hosted by John Santos

La Peña presents a six part program series delving into the History of Bay Area Latin Jazz. "Bay Area Latin Jazz Legacy" will feature Latin Jazz veterans as well as up and coming artists. Each of the six evenings will feature Latin Jazz groups both in performance and in conversation. Each program will be hosted by Bay Area percussionist, band leader, historian, composer and teacher, John Santos. He, along with other invited panelists will speak in conversation with the featured artists in each session followed by a great evening of music!

Supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, See's Candy and Zellerbach Family Fund. Co-sponsors: KPFA 94.1 Radio, San Francisco Jazz Festival, Stanford Jazz Workshop, Rhythmic Concepts - Jazz Camp, and The Jazz School

4/4 Tribute to West Coast Jazz with John Santos and The Machete Ensemble and special guest Johnny Coppola and panelist, Chuy Varela
4/18 Looking Forward with Mingus Amungus and Pete Escovedo.
5/2 Tribute to Benny Velarde with Benny Velarde Supercombo and special guests Roger Glen, Joe Ellis and Willie Colon.
5/16 Afro-Latin Panorama John Calloway's Diaspora and Omaya.
6/13 Unsung Heroes With Mark Levine and the Latin Tinge and Eddie and Mad Duran.
6/20 Bay Area World Jazz. With Columna B and Snake Trio.

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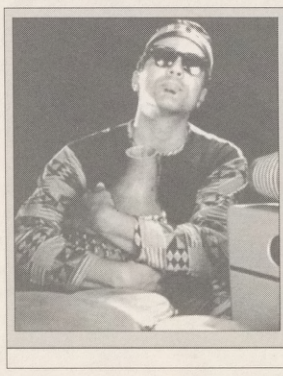

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